



RCMP O DIVISION CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
Border Integrity Open Source Results for 2022-02-17, 1000 hours

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AIM

To provide RCMP O Division with passive open source information identified on 2022-02-17 by 1000 hours, pertaining to the ongoing protests known as the "Freedom Convoy" at or near Ontario land and air ports of entry (POE).

KEY FINDINGS

- A review of social media and public messaging channels showed no posts of concern for any of POEs in the Niagara Region.
- Some Windsor blockade supporters appears to be working on organizing new protests; however none of the new protests identified appear to be targeting the Ambassador Bridge.
- Some postings appears to have shifted into private messages and forums, posing a challenge for passive observation.

NIAGARA REGION

Peace Bridge/ Rainbow/Whirlpool/Queenston-Lewiston Bridge

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

KINGSTON

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

CORNWALL

There is some discussion online about protestors leaving Ottawa and alternative locations they could consider if they wanted to continue their efforts. One social media user is suggesting Gananoque/Cornwall as a suitable location (Figure 1).



Figure 1: Post referencing alternatives after leaving Ottawaⁱ

WINDSOR

Some Windsor blockade supporters appears to be working on organizing new protests. However, none of the new protests identified at this point appear to be targeting the Ambassador Bridge.

As highlighted in the briefing for 2022-02-16, 2000 hours (CIP-2022-6057-IB), twitter user @**Personal Info.** (believed to be **Personal Info.**) shared a poster for a monthly rally at the Great Canadian Flag at the Winsor Riverfront, to be held on 2022-02-19, with the caption "Hold the line against medical tyranny."ⁱⁱ **Personal Info.**, who has been involved in protests about the pandemic throughout the past year, has previously posted the Windsor mayor's addressⁱⁱⁱ and commented on a post by Facebook user **Personal Info.** that contained a list of politicians captioned "my list of nazis who will hang."^{iv}

@**Personal Info.**'s post about the planned protest on 2022-02-19 was retweeted by twitter user **Personal Info.** On 2022-02-15, **Personal Info.** who's Twitter background is a picture of a Confederate Flag with "Make Canada Great Again" emblazoned overtop, also tweeted that her bank account was "seized by the government this morning...because of my outspoken criticism of trudeau. This will happen to everyone that criticises (sic) the government now"(Figure 2).^{vi} **Personal Info.** previously tweeted about firebombing the mayor's house, and has spent the past several days identifying other twitter users she describes as "freedom's haters."^{vii}



Figure 2: Tweet from **Personal Info.**^{vi}

Facebook user “**Personal Info.**” posted last night in the “Windsor Slowdown to support the Ottawa Convoy,” “You want to be heard. Let’s organize a peaceful protest at 9733 tecumseh road east. Our liberal MPs office. DM me if interested” (Figure 3).^{ix} The post currently has five likes. “**Personal Info.**” subsequently posted “People of Windsor. I am calling out to you to stay peaceful and lawful. we got their attention now it is time to take our protests to where they can be heard but not affect the lives of our fellow Canadians....”^x

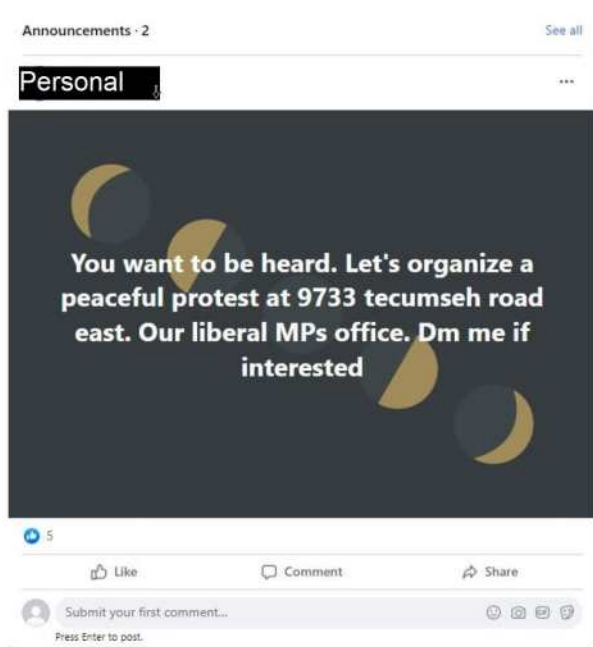


Figure 3: Protest being organized by “**Personal Info.**”^{ix}

At this point, both of these protests appear to have received low levels of online support. However, it is unclear their true uptake amongst Windsor blockade supporters as some protest organizing appears to have shifted into private messages and forums, posing a challenge for passive observation. As noted above, “**Personal Info.**” was asking users to direct message (DM) her privately. Similarly, another prominent Windsor protest Facebook group “Windsor Convoy for Freedom 2022” has gone private. “Windsor Convoy for Freedom 2022” is the largest Windsor protest Facebook group with over 34,000 members.^{xii}

SARNIA

SAULT STE. MARIE

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

OTTAWA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – YOW

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

TORONTO PEARSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – YYZ

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

With the fluidity and ever evolving situations at or near the POEs, continued live query support of open source media is warranted in order to provide updated situational awareness for RCMP O Division and partner agencies.

LIMITATIONS

Although every effort has been made to review all publicly visible social media and web sources for information relevant to this brief, the absence of threat information herein should not be taken as an exhaustive examination of potential threats. A large volume of information is available online and constantly evolving.

DISSEMINATION

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